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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES RETREAT

NEW YORK, March 26-- Following a fair-sized upturn in September, building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities turned back downward in the following month, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Permits in these 200 cities fell 20.4 per cent in October to $2,713,845,713 from $3,411,191,417 in the preceding month. Moreover, for the first time in fourteen months, building permits fell behind their comparable year-ago pace. Permit activity was off 17.3 per cent from October 1980's level of $3,281,845,380 in these 200 cities.

Bucking the trend that was seen in the 200 cities (taken together), plans filed by builders in New York surged 82.6 per cent in October to $149,399,470, following a sizable rebound to $81,834,872 in September. In fact, filings in New York reached a higher level in October than in any of the nine preceding months of 1981. And, unlike the 200 cities collectively, filings for October in New York ran ahead of their similar one-year earlier showing, as they bettered by fully 42.8 per cent their October 1980 volume of $104,655,450.

Permit transactions in the 199 cities outside New York downturned 23.0 per cent during October, to $2,564,446,243 from $3,329,356,545 one month earlier. Furthermore, building permits in the 199 cities fell 19.3 per cent short of their October 1980 tally of $3,177,189,930. In contrast, some particular cities did show large singular year-to-year increases in building permits for October. Among them were Dallas, San Francisco, Greensboro, Dayton, Hollywood (Fla.), Cincinnati and Parma, Ohio.

Returning to the full 200 cities in toto, permit issuances for the first ten months of 1981 amounted to $30,056,453,931, which was some 14.3 per cent stronger than the $26,306,092,359 for the like ten months in 1980. Houston held the premier spot in the nation with a permit sum of very nearly $2.5 billion (for the first ten months of 1981). Los Angeles captured second place at $1.855 billion. Dallas, New York and Pittsburgh rounded out the list of the "top five" cities.

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2. OCTOBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1978 - 1981

	1981	1980	1979	1978
January.....	$ 2,329,353,243R	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317
February.....	2,457,686,843	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444
March.....	2,808,493,415	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038
April.....	3,481,506,512R	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609
May.....	3,124,584,111R	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484
June.....	3,554,241,240	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926
July.....	3,204,502,067	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719
August.....	2,971,049,370	2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105
September.....	3,411,191,417	2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509
October.....	2,713,845,713	3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414
November.....		2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106
December.....		3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416
TOTAL.....		$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087

R = Revised

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first ten months of 1981 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Ten Months 1981	% Change Ten Months 1980
1.	Houston, Tx.....	2490.7	+ 30.1
2.	Los Angeles, Ca.....	1855.0	+ 5.5
3.	Dallas, Tx.....	1252.5	+ 53.7
4.	New York, N.Y.....	794.5	- 17.8
5.	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	752.9	+ 437.1
6.	Chicago, Il.....	710.9	- 2.0
7.	San Francisco, Ca.....	707.5	+ 63.3
8.	Denver, Co.....	564.4	+ 106.8
9.	Phoenix, Az.....	557.9	- 5.6
10.	Baltimore, Md.....	516.5	+ 125.3
11.	Austin, Tx.....	501.3	+ 21.2
12.	Honolulu, Hi.....	499.7	+ 8.3
13.	Tulsa, Ok.....	493.3	+ 48.7
14.	San Diego, Ca.....	489.5	- 1.6
15.	San Antonio, Tx.....	473.4	+ 38.5
16.	Boston, Ma.....	467.4	+ 131.4
17.	Irving, Tx.....	466.9	+ 196.7
18.	Washington, D.C.....	455.6	+ 23.6
19.	Oklahoma City, Ok.....	428.9	+ 41.9
20.	Philadelphia, Pa.....	388.5	- 33.6
21.	San Jose, Ca.....	387.1	+ 9.2
22.	Miami, Fla.....	374.8	+ 69.6
23.	Columbus, Oh.....	363.7	+ 26.9
24.	Seattle, Wa.....	360.0	- 15.6
25.	Atlanta, Ga.....	290.6	- 30.0

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		OCTOBER 1981	TEN MONTHS 1981	TEN MONTHS 1980
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK			
	MANHATTAN	$ 147,494,133	$ 454,227,240	$ 553,875,613
	BRONX	1,002,400	34,884,082	47,349,005
	BROOKLYN	2,279,330	121,232,984	157,209,573
	QUEENS	4,678,050	111,628,567	132,716,485
	RICHMOND	3,945,557	72,567,688	75,943,630
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	149,399,470	794,540,561	967,094,306
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	79,907,545	710,913,233	725,150,311
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	117,631,113	1,854,976,683	1,757,867,324
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	52,439,517	388,515,967R	585,140,766
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	6,495,141	199,344,165	295,908,681
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	234,217,225	2,490,731,829	1,915,156,303
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	8,514,668	516,511,937	229,288,718
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	127,258,734	1,252,494,300	814,985,562
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	47,266,240	455,629,562	368,728,701
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	10,669,906	161,040,487	106,619,732
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	27,139,199	278,532,332	318,341,448
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	12,822,620	193,686,430	148,175,830
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	68,396,638	707,536,515	433,216,569
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	48,422,265	489,485,063	497,293,190
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	31,720,580	473,370,302	341,811,254
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	16,902,600	467,386,500	201,972,900
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	19,204,402	205,726,850	282,770,623
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	12,838,967	114,820,528	141,111,532
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	10,904,466	209,287,022	163,882,183
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	43,422,925	557,916,659	591,018,561
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	53,469,692	363,709,604	286,634,613
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	34,147,508	360,049,600	426,796,840
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	17,437,695	289,814,752	234,128,080
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	11,690,347	752,852,359	140,159,546
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	29,485,712	564,385,841	272,951,406
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	23,271,693	183,112,491	154,936,878
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	20,312,335	290,616,892	415,067,909
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	3,705,366	85,975,070	29,169,024
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	29,046,936	147,622,538	162,573,800
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	13,135,070	212,095,411	208,017,962
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	56,898,198	387,092,101	354,572,477
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	18,130,956	131,774,563	208,038,187
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	26,246,737	279,372,755	378,225,366
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	8,178,140	65,659,874	87,170,331
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	17,846,040	242,618,415	220,203,280
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	1,999,652	26,027,709	36,107,317
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	34,575,853	428,903,968	302,358,559
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	7,636,014	113,639,456	108,571,564
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	1,375,445	67,916,109	99,673,214
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	29,092,105	211,005,804	119,747,681
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	16,872,247	87,361,625	78,655,889
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	7,540,232	374,756,773	220,980,588
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	26,242,000	493,282,278	331,830,199
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	40,933,938	499,722,249	461,411,312
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	21,062,715	196,774,890	188,207,907
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	9,059,378	108,042,108	110,499,739
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	3,470,267	62,758,025	50,687,077
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	6,483,850	142,686,954	182,901,694
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	5,147,669	51,141,755	62,298,005
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	12,515,112	178,906,816	200,712,726
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	11,646,356	147,015,667	131,441,923
52.	AKRON, OHIO	2,897,112	67,503,867	59,208,945
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	6,542,966	107,491,210	145,256,205
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,661,221	20,864,195	39,703,873
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	8,826,725	144,531,148	152,033,504
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	66,799,267	501,270,440	413,548,857
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	8,093,654	95,704,779	82,819,820
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	13,952,522	170,295,338	189,930,798
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	40,244,214	79,388,168	53,358,283
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	11,274,268	177,459,092	173,765,316
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	7,642,707	72,797,797	79,983,785
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	13,994,332	175,557,745	166,483,339
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	389,400	35,427,758	25,391,615
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	5,281,860	57,596,497	75,031,528
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	7,692,239	67,845,605	83,062,929
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	2,348,012	29,573,918	15,302,781
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	989,100	28,905,702	43,797,864
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	6,748,741	83,651,254	114,874,274
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	8,695,865	98,515,169	79,702,891
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	341,807	3,308,558	3,902,231
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,463,750	18,436,200	17,068,575
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	6,236,757	60,134,731	109,800,856
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	3,088,363	38,413,244	24,925,121
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	8,107,337	111,754,673	102,585,911
75.	GARY, INDIANA	2,014,953	16,604,485	14,073,756
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	7,995,090	78,629,668	75,306,265
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	4,920,210	77,545,106	56,229,886
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	16,627,174	206,261,792	206,120,539
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	3,419,999	73,470,601	79,519,011
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	4,491,585	38,512,286	27,387,544
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	6,461,528	118,501,162	114,552,999
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	9,518,883	103,101,726	142,535,577
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	13,767,915	162,790,687	137,948,348
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,970,156	53,935,889	62,791,335
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	10,207,197	176,566,266	93,640,712
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	15,026,328	108,230,631	60,385,329
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	587,625	11,796,991	11,398,287
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	4,819,653	112,523,170	88,115,698
89.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	7,270,161	49,378,412	68,768,912
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	25,615,149	68,320,511	92,706,102
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	3,665,786	47,679,230	72,948,807
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	2,552,959	94,447,694	69,523,795
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	6,065,956	36,750,924	48,617,247
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	514,137	8,620,180	20,216 774
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	47,029,282	112,573,770	87,297,782
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	8,690,935	90,467,044	57,504,652
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	236,730	4,348,029	11,850,625
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	6,427,174	101,386,220	92,349,606
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	5,689,093	27,037,218	31,773,341
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	5,183,273	83,097,971	31,180,947
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	$ 4,513,993	$ 60,584,215	$ 62,741,747
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	2,175,700	33,778,004	43,677,274
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	26,554,475	216,165,215	187,057,812
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	3,650,135	78,511,915	58,919,620
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	6,635,100	49,760,100	75,420,100
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,443,019	68,702,135	71,220,777
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	9,160,164	76,969,697	82,812,165
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	5,730,643	71,933,597	114,572,158
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	666,046	40,284,793	22,691,532
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	1,452,050	23,420,189	11,182,588
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	2,865,388	96,108,448	108,176,091
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	3,377,783	20,947,151	49,220,176
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	19,169,264	142,972,308	155,755,340
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	1,763,088	17,199,230	57,775,286
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	2,939,670	35,604,288	45,963,116
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	4,692,448	36,515,620	22,803,358
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	5,337,875	53,556,673	49,498,753
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	11,411,047	149,145,273	142,335,073
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,375,626	30,077,865	23,705,991
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	9,992,099	63,427,028	43,763,199
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	5,856,221	127,530,695	72,276,332
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	4,584,244	60,956,070	34,994,515
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	4,268,103	20,074,877	29,088,970
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	10,178,869	91,535,551	46,013,497
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	3,490,991	80,272,992	105,856,940
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	3,466,778	19,268,463	18,631,066
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	3,472,019	33,863,468	37,430,440
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	12,220,595	79,268,157	85,983,639
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	2,556,945	11,741,124	9,706,373
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	803,591	15,359,349	21,193,889
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,479,144	18,688,232	16,006,564
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	6,671,658	97,177,651	86,796,792
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	2,003,356	25,462,502	30,324,472
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	3,239,588	25,943,166	39,465,459
135.	CANTON, OHIO	3,854,487	22,950,208	33,708,296
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	18,172,536	41,104,257	22,586,693
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,535,817	83,747,114	62,029,367
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	19,123,085	176,754,072	98,671,776
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	860,000	20,425,208	27,832,341
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	516,325	13,723,215	12,111,410
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	7,913,404	82,018,294	100,414,975
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	37,849,584	70,235,120	94,407,706
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	614,500	6,085,156	10,814,613
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	5,516,950	70,823,153	75,099,842
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	1,941,667	25,251,907	28,255,286
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,085,543	13,607,321	12,905,235
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	669,374	6,065,557	4,215,198
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	3,517,557	37,609,467	32,849,709
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	5,115,570	42,700,254	7,604,851
150.	FREEMONT, CALIFORNIA	16,785,800	100,975,600	93,143,900
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	2,213,670	18,177,729	38,268,355
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	12,355,704	76,163,955	59,908,441
153.	PARMA, OHIO	22,667,245	30,307,121	14,176,505
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,928,720	26,451,651	33,463,744
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	6,217,848	118,807,489	119,014,750
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	4,175,208	34,615,390	31,929,777
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	3,601,743	52,398,416	41,894,323
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	3,173,246	19,843,289	12,391,990
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	21,843,650	466,885,048	157,370,607
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	503,400	6,848,068	12,537,118
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	8,473,758	64,862,682	48,865,229
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	6,151,802	88,519,135	74,671,052
163.	WACO, TEXAS	7,048,203	50,935,604	61,012,877
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	2,404,469	16,559,379	38,786,750
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	950,550	39,120,320	40,524,849
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	5,663,528	83,461,547	72,569,123
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	11,784,228	114,182,823	79,156,092
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,470,780	28,178,899	25,702,672
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	463,568	8,072,164	24,177,736
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	735,420	11,703,670	6,211,540
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	2,451,399	30,871,067	36,218,289
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	582,939	7,127,166	16,170,995
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,580,129	25,812,525	16,362,922
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	16,737,722	225,244,747	214,598,156
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	3,017,099	28,296,709	23,722,172
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	4,268,290	16,841,132	6,129,275
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,685,374	23,148,994	35,804,859
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,711,204	93,688,920	60,725,314
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	12,338,344	47,351,005	71,474,161
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	4,028,094	57,928,897	36,283,304
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	465,208	43,436,653	45,604,462
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	1,987,820	51,334,019	54,726,141
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	536,676	6,068,226	5,502,445
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,797,244	30,487,867	24,756,956
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	1,923,609	94,826,902	83,500,485
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	1,617,600	6,030,549	4,651,778
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	392,695	14,924,168	22,061,964
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	8,476,103	39,479,275	29,965,023
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,133,087	24,229,921	33,357,518
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	6,456,689	196,836,355	75,206,801
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	495,916	57,693,319	8,589,081
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	3,255,876	70,664,106	77,930,221
193.	MIAMI BEACH, CALIFORNIA	1,422,582	93,197,289	101,207,757
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	294,512	8,854,219	10,168,923
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,744,474	11,711,636	10,435,859
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	2,602,172	31,512,875	32,020,359
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	2,807,076	12,663,858	19,182,292
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	957,994	61,224,508	47,197,723
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	386,075	5,128,485	5,418,030
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	284,436	18,654,088	68,222,418
	TOTAL: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$2,713,845,713	$30,056,453,931R	$26,306,092,359

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES DROP, DESPITE GAIN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 7 -- Coming on the heels of a downturn in October, building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities fell a further 15.7 per cent in November, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Building permit values for November dropped to $2,286,832,358, compared with $2,713,845,713 the month prior. This dollar figure for November represented the softest performance for the 200 cities for any month since January 1980's tally of $2,239,448,528. Moreover, in relation to their November 1980 level of $2,736,073,957, permit values in the 200 cities slowed some 16.4 per cent.

Unlike the 200 cities as a whole, plans filed by builders in New York climbed during November, appreciably, in fact. They spurted to $191,661,887 that month, 28.3 per cent better than October's showing of $149,399,470. November marked the third straight monthly advance in filings for New York. Furthermore, this November figure was the highest for the city in twenty months. It was back in March 1980 that builders in New York last turned-in a higher figure, of fully $272,511,228. Also of note, compared with their year-ago, November 1980 volume of $98,974,421, New York's filings almost doubled in dollar volume.

But, in the 199 cities outside New York, building permits declined in November, following a somewhat larger falloff the month before. Issuances for this next-to-last month in 1981 totalled $2,095,170,471 or 18.3 per cent less than the $2,564,446,243 for October. Issuances (in the 199 cities) were also off some 20.6 per cent from November 1980's $2,637,099,536. Nonetheless, some cities did chalk up sizable individual month-to-month and year-to-year increases. These included New Orleans, Irving (Texas), Virginia Beach, Miami and Newark.

For the first eleven months of 1981, building permits hit $32,343,286,289--versus $29,042,166,316 for the same span in 1980--for an increase of 11.4 per cent. Of the top 25 cities in 1981 cumulative dollar amounts, fully 15 of these cities had aggregates of at least $500 million or much higher. The largest percentage increase among these 25 dollar volume leaders occurred in Pittsburgh, where permits more than tripled--to $757.3 million.

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MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1978 - 1981

	1981	1980	1979	1978
January.....	$ 2,329,353,243R	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317
February.....	2,457,686,843	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444
March.....	2,808,493,415	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038
April.....	3,481,506,512R	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609
May.....	3,124,584,111R	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484
June.....	3,554,241,240	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926
July.....	3,204,502,067	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719
August.....	2,971,049,370	2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105
September.....	3,411,191,417	2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509
October.....	2,713,845,713	3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414
November.....	2,286,832,358	2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106
December.....		3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416
TOTAL.....		$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first eleven months of 1981 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Eleven Months 1981	% Change Eleven Months 1980
1.	Houston, Tx.....	2,707.1	+ 32.3
2.	Los Angeles, Ca.....	1,966.9	- 1.7
3.	Dallas, Tx.....	1,386.7	+ 40.2
4.	New York, N.Y.....	986.2	- 7.5
5.	San Francisco, Ca.....	780.1	+ 74.4
6.	Chicago, Il.....	764.9	- 1.9
7.	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	757.3	+ 211.8
8.	Denver, Co.....	603.8	+ 107.9
9.	Phoenix, Az.....	595.6	- 6.7
10.	Tulsa, Ok.....	566.5	+ 40.6
11.	Baltimore, Md.....	541.7	+ 121.1
12.	San Diego, Ca.....	524.4	- 1.3
13.	Austin, Tx.....	521.1	+ 14.6
14.	Honolulu, Hi.....	520.6	- 3.7
15.	Irving, Tx.....	512.1	+ 196.9
16.	San Antonio, Tx.....	499.4	+ 34.8
17.	Washington, D.C.....	490.5	+ 28.9
18.	Boston, Ma.....	483.0	+ 127.6
19.	Oklahoma City, Ok.....	463.5	+ 35.7
20.	Philadelphia, Pa.....	413.4	- 31.5
21.	Miami, Fl.....	401.9	+ 71.9
22.	San Jose, Ca.....	401.8	+ 7.5
23.	Columbus, Oh.....	377.9	+ 21.2
24.	Seattle, Wa.....	374.9	- 27.2
25.	Atlanta, Ga.....	320.2	- 28.1

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		NOVEMBER 1981	ELEVEN MONTHS 1981	ELEVEN MONTHS 1980
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK			
	MANHATTAN	$ 95,319,800	$ 549,547,040	$ 607,758,812
	BRONX	2,473,247	37,357,329	48,051,005
	BROOKLYN	36,273,650	177,506,634	191,471,213
	QUEENS	33,124,200	144,752,767	135,855,285
	RICHMOND	4,470,990	77,038,678	82,932,412
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	191,661,887	986,202,448	1,066,068,727
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	53,963,480	784,876,713	779,309,021
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	111,924,943	1,966,901,626	2,000,776,481
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	24,895,877	413,411,848	603,706,532
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	7,299,990	206,644,155	327,514,452
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	216,389,503	2,707,131,329	2,046,281,624
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	25,212,907	341,724,844	245,006,659
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	134,254,075	1,386,748,375	989,075,162
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	34,892,611	490,522,173	380,418,834
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	8,229,133	169,269,620	157,060,186
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	13,869,941	292,402,273	332,598,347
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	10,269,301	203,955,731	168,602,934
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	72,541,583	780,078,998	447,344,613
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	34,900,419	524,385,482	331,293,744
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	26,050,608	499,420,410	370,401,778
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	15,625,100	483,011,600	212,222,900
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	13,154,804	218,881,654	304,995,061
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	5,632,183	120,452,711	159,616,950
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	48,560,530	257,847,352	195,632,194
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	37,664,146	565,580,805	638,312,647
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	14,205,790	377,915,394	311,801,251
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	14,878,750	374,928,350	514,843,135
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	13,214,970	303,029,722	249,140,006
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	4,427,079	757,279,438	242,843,425
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	39,385,867	603,771,708	290,346,725
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	33,199,400	216,311,891	176,104,881
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	29,610,486	320,227,378	445,421,286
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	5,373,378	91,348,448	31,530,418
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	8,581,245	156,203,783	172,717,182
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	35,871,901	227,967,312	226,621,641
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	14,683,292	401,775,393	373,783,817
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	29,284,963	161,059,526	226,774,113
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	16,117,705	295,490,460	404,149,827
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	7,139,748	72,799,622	96,593,679
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	21,170,555	263,788,970	249,293,560
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	28,797,657	52,825,366	38,196,562
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	34,593,106	463,497,074	341,582,694
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	19,821,134	133,460,590	115,500,156
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	4,073,202	71,989,311	100,905,302
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	6,279,710	217,286,514	137,942,886
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	5,662,513	93,024,138	104,246,812
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	27,151,886	401,908,659	233,763,495
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	73,194,000	566,476,278	402,830,199
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	20,872,375	520,594,624	540,332,519
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	12,234,938	209,009,828	234,591,559
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	12,213,964	120,256,072	115,615,067
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	3,839,791	66,597,816	55,470,559
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	15,656,964	158,343,918	193,201,696
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	6,703,548	57,845,303	65,220,686
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	17,149,517	196,056,333	218,267,128
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	14,913,966	161,929,633	141,169,296
52.	AKRON, OHIO	5,921,564	73,425,431	62,917,232
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	6,468,759	113,959,969	184,835,124
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	443,955	21,308,150	39,989,674
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	8,961,430	153,492,578	159,020,597
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	19,879,300	521,149,740	454,936,457
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	4,374,093	100,078,872	89,936,761
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	7,339,774	177,635,112	200,020,589
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	1,854,090	81,242,258	65,621,451
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	17,863,496	195,322,588	183,893,671
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	3,733,192	76,530,989	84,623,954
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	11,759,841	187,317,386	176,532,879
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	558,869	35,986,627	26,049,795
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	4,406,155	62,002,652	79,085,494
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	2,605,095	70,450,700	89,067,079
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	669,441	30,243,359	18,577,056
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	713,760	29,619,462	44,484,770
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	3,713,893	87,365,147	121,770,840
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	5,062,906	101,578,075	121,329,429
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	137,054	3,445,612	4,239,455
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,086,250	19,522,450	18,983,825
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	2,256,408	62,391,139	112,651,541
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,185,986	40,599,230	30,138,290
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	11,561,079	123,315,752	127,267,997
75.	GARY, INDIANA	658,167	17,262,652	15,399,564
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	7,647,072	86,276,740	80,712,976
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	3,727,766	81,272,872	61,641,016
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	36,481,956	242,746,748	221,739,809
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	3,295,363	76,765,964	103,074,803
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	2,951,100	41,463,386	28,757,012
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	5,962,100	124,463,262	128,455,065
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	8,430,875	111,532,601	152,237,461
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	9,491,294	172,281,981	148,889,605
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	941,323	54,877,212	67,236,300
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,455,608	181,021,874	93,682,469
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	3,972,634	112,203,265	64,218,953
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	957,813	12,349,804	12,113,749
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	10,689,190	123,212,360	92,749,644
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	783,790	50,162,202	73,655,934
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	5,015,293	73,335,804	99,733,627
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	3,826,275	51,505,505	79,501,470
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	2,788,449	97,236,143	75,935,848
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	1,827,221	38,578,145	60,616,736
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	345,374	9,165,554	21,256,259
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	9,106,186	121,679,956	95,555,249
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	14,117,978	104,585,022	60,894,554
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	98,312	4,445,341	12,427,858
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	5,690,665	107,076,885	102,972,446
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	4,659,244	31,696,462	34,957,713
100.	HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA	1,357,262	84,455,233	34,075,738
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	$ 5,517,683	$ 66,101,898	$ 66,286,386
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	389,895	34,167,899	45,017,874
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	12,670,591	228,835,806	201,378,932
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	1,581,065	80,092,980	63,860,410
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	2,021,900	51,782,000	78,580,200
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA	3,484,784	72,186,919	76,355,077
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	2,558,100	79,527,797	91,887,426
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	7,184,045	79,117,642	118,015,415
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,211,882	42,496,675	53,408,331
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	84,300	23,504,489	11,782,293
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	11,293,903	107,402,351	113,399,874
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	4,379,267	25,326,418	50,109,299
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	4,688,563	147,660,871	171,872,839
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	1,442,937	18,842,167	58,815,007
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	2,353,179	37,957,467	49,354,226
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	3,118,391	39,634,011	24,585,240
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	5,052,330	58,609,003	52,474,992
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	7,408,556	156,553,829	138,769,788
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,826,633	32,904,498	26,808,560
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	18,343,091	81,770,119	48,712,466
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	6,885,508	134,416,203	80,326,084
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	1,351,944	62,308,014	38,736,309
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	705,211	20,780,088	30,221,738
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	3,489,021	95,024,572	54,689,758
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	3,525,187	83,798,179	114,601,727
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	4,388,377	23,656,840	19,302,987
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	6,779,902	40,643,370	39,885,799
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	5,155,324	84,423,481	102,472,694
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	505,350	12,246,474	9,803,798
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	699,170	16,058,519	23,438,089
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	2,528,382	21,216,614	16,600,644
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	1,584,311	98,741,962	90,734,141
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	1,961,093	27,453,595	34,322,604
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	5,008	25,948,174	51,062,541
135.	CANTON, OHIO	651,289	23,601,497	34,494,607
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	4,701,320	45,805,577	27,431,783
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	24,208,231	107,955,345	89,652,887
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	9,878,999	186,633,071	106,402,830
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	936,000	21,361,208	28,782,921
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	946,473	14,669,688	12,372,535
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	5,424,954	87,443,248	110,531,307
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	2,018,706	72,253,826	97,971,857
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	268,251	6,353,407	13,363,349
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	3,889,106	74,712,259	81,922,228
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	998,879	26,250,786	29,200,819
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,079,868	14,687,209	13,299,270
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	810,003	6,875,560	4,407,618
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	2,154,481	39,763,948	34,938,869
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	942,210	43,642,464	8,858,061
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	4,529,800	105,605,400	108,400,600
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	1,010,954	19,188,683	42,168,775
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,686,479	77,850,434	63,061,315
153.	PARMA, OHIO	246,000	30,553,121	14,813,205
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,540,502	27,992,153	35,299,948
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	4,186,924	122,994,413	125,668,098
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	8,002,815	42,618,205	35,153,188
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	1,596,420	53,994,836	43,996,455
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,289,368	21,132,657	14,054,160
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	45,172,853	512,057,901	172,452,637
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,777,750	9,625,818	20,381,468
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	4,046,903	68,909,585	53,540,431
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	2,731,552	91,250,687	78,659,175
163.	WACO, TEXAS	3,164,089	54,099,693	67,734,464
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	325,320	16,884,699	43,715,197
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	486,735	39,607,055	41,316,839
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	2,148,728	85,610,275	76,301,278
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	17,576,578	131,759,401	82,592,055
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	6,241,126	34,420,025	35,768,068
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	497,847	8,570,011	26,988,322
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	1,190,550	12,894,220	6,442,300
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	1,043,629	31,914,696	38,457,881
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	74,758	7,201,924	18,148,169
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	627,519	26,440,044	16,866,248
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	7,049,600	232,294,347	228,745,693
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	2,100,000	30,396,709	36,855,992
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	2,205,450	19,046,582	8,402,420
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,818,426	24,967,420	39,224,906
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	5,825,426	99,514,346	65,470,038
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	2,798,738	50,149,743	74,351,250
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,237,836	60,166,733	38,693,239
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	2,609,795	46,046,448	46,021,472
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	3,982,120	54,896,139	56,468,677
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	759,900	6,828,126	7,358,980
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,037,009	31,524,876	27,359,364
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	712,639	95,539,541	94,474,419
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	797,300	6,827,849	4,913,868
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	611,745	15,535,913	22,835,134
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	1,410,214	40,889,489	34,408,760
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	3,426,260	27,656,181	34,727,452
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	2,927,960	199,764,315	77,852,757
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,227,146	58,920,465	10,673,063
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	718,433	71,382,539	79,089,721
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	1,168,655	94,365,944	103,068,257
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	535,072	9,389,291	10,620,606
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	798,988	12,510,624	12,531,588
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	619,687	32,132,562	35,488,288
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	466,829	13,130,687	19,794,721
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	972,768	62,258,276	49,893,576
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	479,575	5,608,060	6,123,455
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	626,997	19,281,085	89,974,939
	TOTAL: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$2,286,832,358	832,343,286,284	929,042,166,316

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES RESUME UPWARD CLIMB

NEW YORK, June 29 -- Dun & Bradstreet reports that building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities jumped 25.7 per cent in December to $2,875,429,515 after having declined to $2,286,832,358 in November. However, compared with their $3,233,145,536 pace of a year earlier, building permits remained down 11 per cent, a somewhat slimmer lag from 1981 than in the three preceding months.

Plans filed by builders in New York more than doubled in December surging to $399,263,329 following a sizable rebound to $191,661,887 in November. This was the largest volume of filings by New York builders in all of 1981 and the only time plans had topped $300 million since November 1979. Plans for seven new Manhattan office buildings largely accounted for New York's surge over December 1980's $166,043,459 volume.

Building permits in the 199 cities outside New York rose 18.2 per cent during December, after slowdowns in each of the two months prior. For the 199 cities, December permit volume reached $2,476,166,186, improving from November's figure of $2,095,170,471. However, in relation to their one-year-earlier performance of $3,067,102,077, the 199 cities showed a 19.3 per cent decline.

For the full year 1981, permit issuances in the 200 largest cities together amounted to $35,218,715,804. That was a 9.1 per cent advance over the $32,275,311,852 tally for all of 1980. Among the twenty-five cities with the largest volume, all except five chalked up gains from a year earlier. Houston continued to rank first in total dollar valuations, followed by Los Angeles, Dallas and New York. Of these, Dallas showed the strongest percentage rise from 1980. Other big percentage gains were registered in Irving (Texas), Pittsburgh, Boston and Baltimore.

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2. DECEMBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1978 - 1981

	1981	1980	1979	1978
January.....	$ 2,329,353,243R	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317
February.....	2,457,686,843	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444
March.....	2,808,493,415	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038
April.....	3,481,506,512R	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609
May.....	3,124,584,111R	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484
June.....	3,554,241,240	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926
July.....	3,204,502,067	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719
August.....	2,971,049,370	2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105
September.....	3,411,191,417	2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509
October.....	2,713,845,713	3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414
November.....	2,286,832,358	2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106
December.....	2,875,429,515	3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416
TOTAL.....	$35,218,715,804	$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087

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Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first twelve months of 1981 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

	Twelve Months 1981	% Change Twelve Months 1980
1. Houston, Tx.....	3,018.9	+ 25.4
2. Los Angeles, Ca.....	2,193.7	+ 1.8
3. Dallas, Tx.....	1,487.5	+ 28.5
4. New York, N.Y.....	1,385.5	+ 12.4
5. Chicago, Il.....	853.4	+ 1.0
6. San Francisco, Ca.....	826.2	+ 71.0
7. Pittsburgh, Pa.....	761.1	+ 155.8
8. Denver, Co.....	659.4	+ 98.2
9. Phoenix, Az.....	632.4	- 8.0
10. Tulsa, Ok.....	603.0	+ 28.1
11. Austin, Tx.....	566.4	+ 16.8
12. Baltimore, Md.....	560.4	+ 122.5
13. San Diego, Ca.....	556.4	- 6.2
14. Honolulu, Hi.....	549.8	- 24.0
15. Irving, Tx.....	545.7	+ 189.1
16. San Antonio, Tx.....	541.5	+ 31.9
17. Washington, D.C.....	530.7	+ 35.0
18. Boston, Ma.....	497.5	+ 123.0
19. Oklahoma City, Ok.....	495.5	+ 25.7
20. Miami, Fl.....	432.5	+ 64.8
21. Philadelphia, Pa.....	428.1	- 32.6
22. San Jose, Ca.....	423.1	+ 4.9
23. Columbus, Oh.....	392.1	+ 20.5
24. Seattle, Wa.....	386.7	- 27.8
25. New Orleans, La.....	386.3	+ 58.4

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		DECEMBER 1981	TWELVE MONTHS 1981	TWELVE MONTHS 1980
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK			
	MANHATTAN	$ 366,284,025	$ 895,811,065	$ 752,746,045
	BRONX	13,242,500	50,599,829	50,493,305
	BROOKLYN	15,091,780	192,598,414	198,147,863
	QUEENS	5,646,200	150,398,967	143,257,985
	RICHMOND	19,010,824	96,057,502	87,466,908
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	399,263,329	1,385,465,777	1,232,112,186
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	88,478,074	853,354,787	845,180,578
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	226,779,420	2,193,681,046	2,154,639,533
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	14,702,691	428,114,735	635,552,117
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	9,477,271	216,121,426	337,522,814
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	331,796,732	3,018,928,061	2,406,505,167
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	18,628,191	560,353,035	251,801,207
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	100,724,255	1,487,472,630	1,157,203,594
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	40,136,730	530,658,903	393,037,365
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	16,150,752	185,426,372	162,432,458
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	32,286,284	324,788,557	362,021,958
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	4,528,180	208,481,911	182,635,271
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	46,072,622	826,150,720	483,261,792
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	31,979,137	556,364,609	592,957,826
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	42,068,901	541,489,811	410,659,644
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	14,494,500	497,506,100	223,102,900
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	12,394,446	231,276,100	313,333,139
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	28,157,140	148,609,851	164,168,250
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	128,406,556	386,252,108	243,811,602
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	36,809,448	632,390,251	687,347,580
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	14,231,269	342,146,663	325,518,883
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	11,733,196	386,661,546	535,399,323
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	26,309,726	329,339,448	268,054,778
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	3,793,297	781,072,735	297,484,884
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	55,589,150	659,360,858	332,746,418
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	12,009,870	228,121,761	202,604,881
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	11,575,948	331,803,326	469,783,833
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	5,940,627	97,289,075	32,853,845
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	12,584,930	168,788,713	184,704,736
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	7,469,935	235,437,247	239,225,289
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	21,339,640	423,115,033	403,268,057
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	27,990,367	189,049,893	243,099,031
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	19,183,289	314,673,749	570,725,703
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	2,759,705	75,559,327	99,326,452
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	23,308,060	287,097,030	278,116,810
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	14,336,474	67,161,840	43,318,792
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	31,991,173	495,488,247	394,206,403
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	10,468,781	143,929,371	124,279,648
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	1,548,531	73,537,842	102,443,550
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	22,621,595	239,908,109	142,564,601
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	3,195,776	96,219,914	131,112,017
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	30,557,135	432,465,794	262,682,574
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	36,554,400	603,030,678	470,922,228
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	29,188,954	549,783,578	723,102,792
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	7,375,365	216,385,191	257,307,627
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	7,407,056	127,663,128	121,055,221
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	1,948,368	70,546,184	59,167,574
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	13,818,236	172,162,154	200,135,375
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	5,369,841	63,214,944	69,464,694
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	12,823,473	208,879,806	232,617,503
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	10,620,115	172,549,748	151,523,334
52.	AKRON, OHIO	1,957,074	75,382,465	65,785,756
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	11,791,389	125,751,358	176,660,403
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	4,826,780	26,134,930	42,070,529
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	7,068,083	160,360,661	180,249,551
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	45,781,800	566,431,540	485,124,057
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	14,013,138	114,092,010	93,201,192
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	21,833,693	199,268,805	238,360,873
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	2,832,968	84,075,226	71,246,785
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	14,106,155	209,428,743	231,232,769
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	2,498,165	79,029,156	91,983,583
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	19,127,711	206,445,097	186,243,293
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	1,477,140	37,463,767	26,494,781
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	6,299,370	68,302,022	81,263,751
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	5,488,118	75,936,818	92,482,793
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	5,052,399	35,295,758	19,270,744
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	1,185,939	30,805,401	45,214,046
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	5,339,671	92,704,618	136,235,912
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	10,410,682	113,988,757	129,876,492
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	88,175	3,533,787	6,456,599
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,270,800	20,793,250	19,677,375
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	4,313,590	68,704,729	116,418,831
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,855,897	43,455,127	32,483,907
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	16,774,193	140,089,945	145,401,211
75.	GARY, INDIANA	576,598	17,839,250	16,279,080
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	10,483,989	96,760,729	93,072,382
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,046,783	86,319,155	66,876,378
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	18,460,459	262,207,207	296,175,999
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	4,168,172	80,934,136	105,909,978
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	1,261,799	42,725,185	33,311,962
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	8,839,124	133,302,386	138,612,615
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	9,334,211	120,866,812	168,638,713
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	19,191,918	191,473,899	165,428,181
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	2,516,313	57,393,525	69,576,508
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,752,272	182,774,146	95,504,283
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	7,267,286	119,470,531	73,252,929
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	114,369	12,664,173	12,803,729
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	2,487,847	125,895,207	95,628,332
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	1,647,361	53,809,763	76,048,017
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	1,581,648	74,917,252	102,466,609
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	2,782,210	54,287,715	81,941,652
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,520,981	106,757,044	80,941,568
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	5,729,123	44,307,268	62,591,557
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	189,335	9,554,889	21,655,314
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	5,254,093	126,934,049	104,231,429
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	1,983,788	106,568,810	66,313,446
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	341,650	4,787,991	12,619,268
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	2,316,772	114,393,657	105,745,406
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,333,525	34,029,987	40,101,828
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	3,480,333	87,935,366	37,698,362
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	$ 1,676,051	$ 67,777,949	$ 70,576,451
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	1,955,825	36,123,714	84,401,724
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	21,808,514	250,644,320	232,010,864
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	2,770,070	82,861,050	69,186,820
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	3,677,500	55,459,500	85,295,900
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA	10,879,080	83,065,999	79,421,083
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	5,766,042	85,293,839	101,151,757
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	7,044,657	86,162,299	126,951,321
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,562,910	45,059,585	55,108,195
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	258,000	23,762,489	12,814,293
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	14,800,424	122,202,775	118,788,815
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	4,466,600	29,793,018	54,387,308
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	31,549,374	179,220,245	161,495,741
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	818,226	19,460,393	61,508,689
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	2,802,600	40,759,867	51,147,321
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	435,553	40,069,564	27,364,013
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	10,564,368	89,173,171	56,408,817
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	6,987,470	163,541,299	165,660,645
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,475,586	34,380,084	28,749,026
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	10,320,307	112,090,426	49,995,802
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	1,710,136	136,126,539	173,438,348
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	5,433,291	67,741,305	40,621,185
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	195,450	20,955,538	33,916,900
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	2,215,858	97,240,360	60,477,371
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	1,814,552	85,652,731	124,680,695
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	738,118	24,394,958	20,851,428
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	2,261,991	47,905,361	43,803,551
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	7,180,477	91,603,958	104,596,628
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	252,300	12,498,774	10,020,198
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,093,098	17,151,617	24,850,455
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	8,837,554	30,054,188	17,854,670
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	2,017,940	100,754,902	92,436,245
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	710,090	28,183,685	36,726,343
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	659,284	26,607,458	52,776,602
135.	CANTON, OHIO	227,250	23,828,747	35,787,078
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	4,375,850	50,181,427	28,023,796
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,555,053	112,510,398	104,046,075
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	21,509,732	210,142,805	114,458,271
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,111,000	22,472,208	29,162,787
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	911,245	15,580,933	11,242,928
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	6,420,591	93,863,839	127,798,010
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	5,241,387	77,495,213	110,184,777
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	1,827,125	8,180,532	13,502,099
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	1,672,964	76,385,223	86,817,938
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	1,501,855	27,752,641	31,619,693
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	150,750	14,837,959	13,782,415
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	11,392,250	18,767,810	4,482,078
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	1,936,645	41,700,393	36,899,174
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	532,795	44,175,259	9,211,427
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	4,797,750	110,401,150	119,001,000
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	390,071	19,578,75	45,413,180
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	6,566,915	84,417,349	73,633,569
153.	PARMA, OHIO	230,000	30,783,121	26,440,805
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	3,765,478	31,777,631	37,265,454
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	3,951,050	126,945,463	149,955,171
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	1,167,771	43,785,976	36,630,143
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	7,855,440	61,850,276	45,236,067
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	632,724	21,765,361	14,791,133
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	33,617,075	545,674,976	188,736,934
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	994,500	10,620,318	21,303,018
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	2,494,434	71,404,019	57,444,673
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	3,964,418	95,215,105	90,605,736
163.	WACO, TEXAS	1,843,676	55,943,059	71,739,479
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	521,655	17,406,354	48,492,497
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	809,180	40,416,235	41,636,588
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	2,800,166	88,490,441	93,565,637
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	5,747,367	137,506,768	85,820,546
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,524,475	35,944,500	36,863,747
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	434,211	9,024,222	35,838,155
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	385,150	13,279,170	7,076,710
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	1,382,555	33,277,251	40,523,102
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	3,489,586	10,691,510	18,545,074
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	578,164	27,018,208	18,400,998
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	7,436,420	239,730,767	249,717,998
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	1,761,720	32,158,429	41,141,842
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	659,850	19,706,432	8,562,670
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	4,055,632	29,023,052	41,166,871
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	4,541,553	104,055,899	73,148,143
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	1,543,937	51,893,680	76,138,939
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	3,328,526	63,495,259	55,818,288
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	328,430	46,374,878	46,453,971
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	2,562,130	57,458,269	82,355,777
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	284,190	7,112,316	8,498,685
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,103,067	32,627,923	30,760,162
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	5,656,293	101,195,834	99,626,724
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	650,150	7,477,999	5,166,768
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	1,537,780	17,073,693	26,290,434
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	5,177,550	46,067,039	36,330,653
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	590,497	28,246,678	37,074,939
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	10,903,750	216,868,065	88,733,852
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	3,959,627	62,880,092	11,921,801
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	5,185,115	76,547,654	91,894,986
193.	MIAMI BEACH, CALIFORNIA	2,333,025	96,698,969	145,082,728
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	246,148	9,635,439	10,706,280
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	2,858,098	15,368,722	34,288,502
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	1,096,182	33,228,744	18,579,610
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	356,780	13,487,467	21,019,721
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	1,476,573	63,736,849	66,397,259
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	2,595,000	8,203,060	7,521,780
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	719,193	20,000,278	90,565,825
	TOTAL: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$2,875,429,515	$35,218,715,804	$32,275,311,852

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